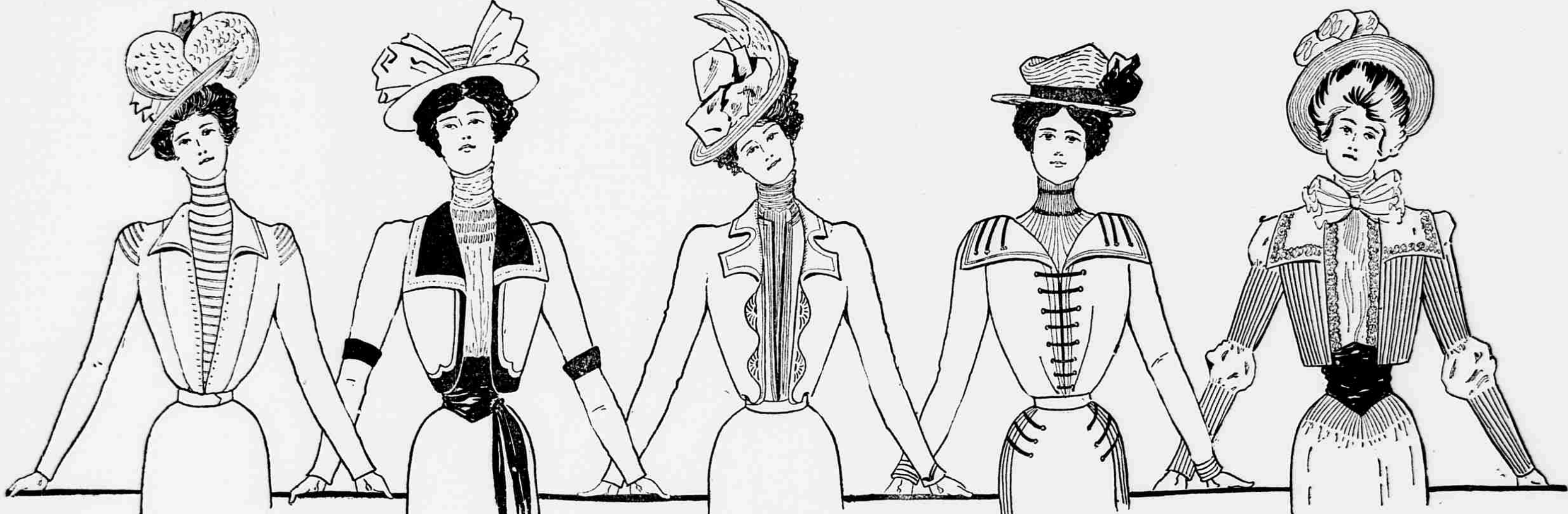


THE NEWEST IDEAS IN PLAIN AND FANCY PODICES.



VARIOUS DESIGNS FOR THE GOINGS THAT WILL BE WORN IN THE NEXT SEASON.

SEPTEMBER WEDDINGS.

What Is Modish and Correct in Stationery.

For the rush of September weddings, which in number ranks second only to June, artistic stationers are showing several new forms of fashionable invitation cards. Contrary to the general impression, which ascribes to Paris the creating of style in wedding stationery as well as in wedding gowns and millinery, all the best stationery and original designs come from this country, and are annually exported for use in the continental cities. While the present designs represent a sort of composite taste, the one which is being used by the most exclusive set is engraved in old English text. As this presents many more difficulties to the engraver than script, the cost is proportionately higher, but the effect of the finished plate is exceedingly pleasing, particularly when reproduced on pure white heavy vellum.

Next in popularity to the old English lettering comes the Roman. An innovation in the matter of wording leaves a blank line on the engraved surfaces where the host or hostess is expected to write the name of the guest. This form is especially liked for home weddings as more intimate and less formal than the old style. Pure white paper is considered much smarter than the tinted, and while the size is not bounded by any inflexible law, the invitation paper is generally large, and when folded requires an oblong envelope. A practical innovation this year consists in the printing of several small cards, to be inclosed in the envelope with the invitation. One tells when the newly married couple will be at home after the honeymoon; another "admits" to the reserved pew or the "center aisle" at the wedding, while the third gives entrance to the wedding breakfast or reception. The latter, of course, when the occasion is exceedingly formal

to attend to the health and welfare of her family if her own health suffers from overwork and lack of rest. She should follow her husband's example. Although he is busy all day long, he generally makes it a habit and last rule to rest during the evening in the best way, namely, by change of employment.

FASTIDIOUS MEN.

Even the Daintiest Women Cannot Equal Them.

Just how fastidious men are is shown at these houses at seaside resorts where bathing suits are rented to applicants. The women who come to hire almost always take unquestioningly the suit the attendant hands through the little window, perfectly content with the assurance—"This will fit you."

But it's not so with the men, even the daintiest of married gentlemen requiring to be measured, in order to assure themselves that the suit is broad enough in back and long enough in the leg to allow them to appear at their best.

And, even, it is declared, after their spouses think they are safely out in the water deserting themselves these difficult patrons are still sending back for another, of this and another of that, to try the effect and see if it's better than the one the original suit gave.

So it seems that women haven't a monopoly of conceit after all, but, to the contrary, that compared with men they may be considered almost entirely free from it.

WHY BABIES SUFFER.

Demonstrative Mothers Are Often Trying to Tiny Children.

The babies have a hard time of it in this very warm weather. Particularly do the youngsters suffer, it seems to the observers, whose parents are of a demonstrative disposition. An example of this was noted

rubbing each leaf with a wooden masher, and in this way for half an hour in the strained juice of two lemons and add the carefully grated yellow rind of one. Put a pint each of water and granulated sugar to heat until the sugar is a fine thread, remove from the fire and stir into it the juice of large orange and the lemon and mint. Strain, put on ice until cold and serve in wine glasses.

Corn Pudding—To a pint of corn pulp add a pint of milk, stir in the well-beaten yolks of four eggs, a teaspoonful of salt, pepper to taste, thoroughly mix, add the stiffened whites and bake in a moderate oven in a greased dish for one hour. A delicious accompaniment to roast meat.

Corn Oysters—To a pint of corn, prepared as above, add the well-beaten yolks of two eggs, two large tablespoons of flour, half a teaspoonful of salt, a hint of cayenne and black pepper. Mix well and when the fat for frying is ready add the stiffened whites. Drop, in oyster shape, from a spoon into hot fat, brown on both sides and serve hot in the vegetable course. Very good.

Peach Dimples—Peel as many large, perfectly ripe peaches as are required, cut a deep incision in the center of each, a quarter of an inch deep, and insert a quarter of a teaspoonful of baking powder into the hole. Mix this thoroughly with two large tablespoons of butter, then stir in enough milk to make a light dough. Turn it on a well-floured paste board and roll it out to the thickness of a quarter of an inch. Cut the dough into circles, and with a pin, make them in a slow oven, or put them in a steamer and steam till they are so tender a broom will easily pierce them. Serve hot or cold, with a sauce of cream well sweetened with powdered sugar.

Toast for Invalids—Invalids the world over are given their bread in the form of toast, and there are many persons ignorant of why this is done. The reason is this: Dispersed in the toast is a large amount of starch, which is because toasting bread until it becomes brown largely converts the starch into dextrine. It will be found that the thinner the slices of bread and the more thoroughly they are toasted—not burned, but still changed to a deep brown color—will be found to be still more easily digested than ordinary toast.

A Midsummer Dream—Among the new things designed to cool and delight the palate of the city dweller these hot days is an invention of a Washington confectioner called "A Midsummer Dream." It is simply a small and perfectly ripe nutmegmeat, which is cut into two, the seeds being scooped out, leaving the juice. Then vanilla cream, in which are cut up a few bits of candied fruit, is packed around the two halves, which are tied together again and put on for an hour or so. One meal is served to two persons.

Cookies—Every housekeeper knows that to be good, cookie dough must be handled very little and very lightly, but many of us have also found that there are some cookie doughs that positively refuse to be handled and kneaded. To such I would suggest the following recipe. It is of as much value as it is to me. Stir your ingredients in a mixing bowl with granite or only, and do not touch the dough with the broad cloth or other clean white cloth over the kneading board; dredge thickly with flour and drop your rolling pin, pat the dough into shape with the spoon, dredge lightly with flour and roll out. This little trick your cakes are ready for the oven and you have not soiled your hands, ruffled your temper or, worse than all, ruined your cookies.

HOW TO KEEP COOL.

Good Health and Comfort Results of Common Sense.

Don't eat much meat.
Don't fret about the weather.
Don't walk square after hours looking for the thermometer to see how hot it is in the boiling sun.
Don't think about the heat.
Don't drink impure or sour milk.
Don't worry.
Don't experiment with mixed drinks that are calculated to hurt the baby's ears.
Don't indulge in alcoholic drinks. Drink plenty of lemonade, iced tea and the like.
Don't wear heavy clothing, especially woollens.
Don't neglect to bathe freely. A cold bath every morning will do you good.
Don't overwork yourself.
Don't walk in the sun, and don't walk too long in the sun.
Don't let your temper get the better of you and overturn your system.
Don't allow yourself to become excited.
Don't drink too much ice water in the heat of the day.
Don't exasperate your neighbor by asking: "Is it hot enough for you?"
Don't run for a street car as though it were the only car on the line.
Don't sit in a heavy draft to cool off while your body is wet with perspiration.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Things Worth the Attention of the Housekeeper.

A cooking teacher says if preserve cans and jelly-jars are to be used again no soap nor soda should be employed in their cleaning. Wash very thoroughly with clear water, dry carefully, and dust with sulphur, afterwards wiping all traces of this away.

When a skirt is old and limp, a simple expedient will give it a new lease of life. Brush the material well and remove any stains. Soak the lining with hot water, starch and iron it. The result will prove most satisfactory.

If bureau drawers have no knot-hole, or worm-hole, and if a piece of paper is pasted over the keyhole, they should be perfectly safe from the ravages of moths; that is, if the cases are not already laid in the garments placed there. Stuffed birds and animals will be as completely secure from attack, even if exposed to the air, if they have been soaked in a strong solution of corrosive sublimate. One or two applications of corrosive sublimate dissolved in spirits of wine and applied to the holes will be found to drive away the worm or rather beetle which eats into furniture.

One of the best methods of clearing the room of mosquitoes is likewise efficacious with regard to moth-millers, and this is it: Put a piece of gum camphor on a fire shovel and hold it over the lighted gas until it smokes. It should not blaze up, but blaze

slowly enough to form a good smudge. The doors of closets and the bureau drawers should be opened if one fears that the moth-millers have found their way in.

No cooking utensil should require, if properly handled, the vigorous scrubbing to which it is often subjected. Very few of our modern dishes can long stand such usage. Many clinging substances may be removed if hot water is poured into the vessel and it is placed over the fire for a few moments. Many good and neat cooks never wash, or even rinse, their dishes. They are carefully wiped out with clean, brown paper, some blunt instrument being first used to get off any remaining particles of the compound baked in them.

WASHINGTON WISHING TREE.

Many Men and Women Have Faith in Its Power.

In Lafayette Square, in Washington, is a dwarf chestnut tree, known to old residents as the wishing tree. Thousands of people have firm belief in its properties as a granter of wishes is daily proved by the number of persons pushing under it to silently name their wish. Many men and women whose names are known to the country over stop a moment by this tree to indulge themselves in perhaps their only superstition. Just now the tree is full of nuts, and it seems that this is especially popular season for wishing under it.

A young girl who lately secured a position in one of the government departments, and who firmly believes in its efficacy, is an ardent lover of the tree. She had been trying very hard, without avail, to secure a high position, and one morning, feeling discouraged, went to Lafayette Park and stood under the tree to make the wish of her heart, and then sat down on a bench to rest before going home. While sitting there she engaged in conversation with a pleasant looking woman, also enjoying the shade of the old trees, and some time later she found herself in the same position. Her listener was a sympathetic person, and finally asked the girl's name and address. In a few days the young girl received notice to proceed to a certain department for examination. She passed it successfully, and was placed in a much more lucrative position than she had hoped for. It turned out, however, that the woman under the trees was the wife of a powerful Senator, and was so touched and pleased with the young girl's efforts and her childlike faith in the wishing tree that she had the great wish granted.

WORRY AND WOMEN.

Advice to Those Who Are Tried by Many Things.

"Worried to death" is the verdict rendered in the case of a New York woman apartment recently. Thousands of women are dying daily from the same cause. Why? Because they do not understand the nature of worry so little that a majority count it a virtue. "I am just worried to death about my child," they do not eat; they do not study; they are solitary women. But what is worry on a clear analysis? It is, in the beginning, a desire to do more than the cry of mother and housewife everywhere. And the world listens approvingly, believing it is a necessary evil that women—good women—should worry. But what is worry on a clear analysis? It is, in the beginning, a desire to do more than the cry of mother and housewife everywhere. And the world listens approvingly, believing it is a necessary evil that women—good women—should worry. But what is worry on a clear analysis? It is, in the beginning, a desire to do more than the cry of mother and housewife everywhere. And the world listens approvingly, believing it is a necessary evil that women—good women—should worry.

HARDWOOD FLOORS.

Useful Suggestions for Their Preparation and Care.

A hardwood floor must be brushed up daily with a long-handled brush and wiped with the long-handled mop—the yacht mop, which comes for the purpose. That is for a room in constant use. Where there is little dust the mop will be sufficient. For the room in constant use a weekly treatment with the weighted brush is required to keep the floor in good condition. It is removed with turpentine or an emulsion, as the floor is waxed or oiled. Twice or even three times a week the floor should be cleaned and smoothed for either oiling or waxing, or the result will not be satisfactory. A fine floor should always be perfectly clean and smooth for either oiling or waxing, or the result will not be satisfactory. A fine floor should always be perfectly clean and smoothed for either oiling or waxing, or the result will not be satisfactory.

The housekeeper who wishes to make old softwood floors presentable can stain them with a dark walnut stain, then shellac them, and the floor will, with a few rubs, present a most attractive appearance and wear for a year or more in a living room, where they see hard service. In addition to the hair brush, wiping over with a coarse cloth wet in a little kerosene will keep the floors looking fresh and clean. With a cloth tied over a broom the kerosene can be put on with but little trouble.

The piazza floor is one which needs careful attention. Oil for anything subject to the elements is the best, and clear boiled linseed oil should be put on while very hot, directing all water off the floor. It is dry the piazza can be rubbed smooth

with clean pieces of carpet. It is only necessary after this treatment to give another coating of oil when the boards begin to look shabby. A good outside varnish will further protect the floor. In oiling and varnishing the floor, slipshoes should be worn to prevent unsightly scratches.

It is but little trouble to oil a floor, if it is properly done, and will preserve the color of the wood. Boiled linseed oil, the same as used for piazza floors, is best, but not as much of the oil is required, and it is combined with one-third turpentine. The mixture can be kept hot in a dish of hot water, and away from the fire on account of the turpentine. The first application can be of the clear oil if it is thought best with a new floor to hasten its saturation. The oil is put on with a brush, and after standing for an hour or so, rubbed with a woolen cloth, rubbing the way of the grain. It is easier to put the cloth over a weighted brush. The floor is polished in the same manner if the turpentine is used, and in both cases it must be rubbed perfectly smooth, or it will collect dust. The weighted brush used for all polishing costs \$5, but does not wear out in an ordinary lifetime. Floors, painted with the linseed oil emulsion, when treated in this way, will wear much longer.

Girls of To-Day.

Girls of to-day, give ear! Have, since time began, Has come to the girl of man A year, a day, an hour, So full of promise and power As the time that now is here.

Never in all the lands Has there been a girl so great To move the wheels of state, To lift up body and mind, To weaken the deaf and blind, As the power that is in your hands.

Here at the gates of gold You stand in the pride of youth, Strong in courage and truth— Stirred by a noble quest— Through centuries long and black— Armed with a power threefold.

Maid and mother and wife, See your own work is done; See your own noble soul worthy a noble son. Help men in the upward way, Truly a girl to-day Is the strongest power in life.

—Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

THE GAME OF THE HOUR.

Bridge Whist Is the Popular Summer Pastime.

Bridge whist is the game of the hour this summer, says the New York Tribune. There is a perfect furor for this new adaptation of the old game of whist, which is now being played by the devotees morning, afternoon and evening at the various watering places. It is claimed for the new game that it is quite as scientific as well as far more exciting than its progenitor. And, besides, it gives the player the opportunity of more than the rules of playing in a short article, good regulation whist players will probably find out for themselves the intricate laws which govern the science of the game.

In bridge whist the cards are first dealt to the four who are playing partners, as in whist. The person who has the deal, however, does not turn the first card of the trump, but has the option of making it anything he chooses.

Of course, in this the counting must be considered. If hearts are chosen, every extra trick over the book counts eight, diamonds clubs four, spades two, and the highest count of all is made if the dealer wins the tricks, after having decided to make it "no trump." But, in each suit, winning or losing on its own merits. This counts twelve. The game is won by the first couple scoring thirty points—and the rubber, as in whist, consists of the best two out of three games—the winner of the rubber being credited with 100 points above his score, the counting being according to the score at the end, when the "extras" have been counted. These consist of "honors," "bids," and "grand and little slam." The honors are the face cards of trumps, and the top card, and count by the side having the majority being credited with twice the value of a trick. For instance, if hearts are trumps, the credit is sixteen for four honors, four for four trumps, and a grand slam is where no trump are held by one of the players. This at the final bid. After the player on the left of the hand Grand slam is when all tricks are taken by the dealer, who is called "dummy." And except one, twenty being the advantage in a game.

If the dealer has not sufficient good cards to make trumps of any suit, he turns the trump suit, and the player on the right generally understood that if the dealer cannot make it red he gives his partner the choice. Who unless he has an exceptionally good hand of red, makes it black, as in that case the loss will not be so great if the other side wins. It is obligatory for the dealer or his partner to declare the trumps.

After the question of trumps for no trump has been decided, the person on the left of the dealer has the right of doubling. This, of course, he will only do if he thinks he can score on his cards. If he has not so sufficiently good to take the risk, he says to his partner, "May I play?" an expression which gives the latter the opportunity of doubling it in case his cards warrant it. This point being settled, the game begins. After the player on the left of the dealer has laid down his card the partner of the dealer, who is called "dummy," places his cards face upward on the table and the dealer from the game until the hand is played out. The dealer playing his partner's turn and having the entire responsibility. The game then proceeds as in ordinary whist, except that, however, being as has already been stated, this making a dummy is a feature of bridge whist and constitutes the radical difference between it and regular whist, and it will be easily seen by experienced whist players that the cards being laid face upward for all to see, would call for a new adjustment of the unwritten laws that govern good whist playing.

Long Skirt Condemned.

A Vienna correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph describes the steps being taken in the Austrian capital to restrict the use of the long skirt. The verdict of the Medical Congress condemns the train as an accumulator of bacteria of every kind. Armed with this medical judgment, the local council, sitting at Neuhau, the Swedish District of Vienna, have placed placards in all the public gardens and parks under which jurisdiction directing all women who frequent these places to hold up their skirts if they trail upon the ground. The notice

states that as these inclosures are devoted to the recreation of persons desirous of escaping from the dusty town, the authorities forbid dust to be swept there into heaps by trailing skirts. Such is the substance of the placard, which was adopted unanimously by the District Council.

The Perfect Arm.

The upper arm of the perfectly formed woman should end at the waist line, so that she can rest her elbow on a table while standing erect, and her forearm should extend to a point just below the middle of the thigh. Her neck should be of the same circumference. A plumb line dropped from a point marked by the tip of her nose will fall at a point one inch in front of her breast. Her shoulders and her hips will make a straight line drawn up and down. Her waist will taper gradually to 28 inches. Her hips will measure from 8 to 10 inches more than this, and her waist will call for a belt from 22 to 28 inches, if her height be from 5 feet 3 to 5 feet 7 inches, says a writer in "Woman's Life." She should measure from the waist to her feet about a foot more than from the waist to the crown of her head, and her shoes should show no more than half the length of her foot. No 6 band, or instance, should be accompanied by a No. 6 shoe. Her weight for her height given, should be from 125 to 140 pounds.

About Finger Nails.

In days when superstition was more prevalent than it is now, the shape and appearance of the finger nails were considered to have reference to one's destiny. To learn the message of the finger nails it was necessary to rub them over with a corn colander and soap, and then to hold

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minutes, and then begin slowly to eat, chewing thoroughly. In a little while the vigor of the stomach will come back, and all will be well.

If this course were followed there would not be one case of dyspepsia where now there are a dozen.

Sun and Air Baths.

"A sun bath is always beneficial when the heat is not too extreme. Nature certainly intended that our skin should be brought into more frequent contact with the air than our clothing permits. This unnatural covering is a prime cause of disease in kidneys and lungs that are compelled to do double duty.

"Every person would be healthier if he could or would, since he generally could, pass ten or fifteen minutes every day in a room thoroughly aired with open windows. Following this the body should be briskly rubbed with a rough towel. It might easily be done at night before retiring, and would be an effective remedy for insomnia in most cases.

What Plain Women Should Know.

Plain women always secretly believe that they have come into the world handicapped, and that a much different fate might have been theirs had a dowry of beauty been given them.

The way a woman arranges her coiffure is a very important matter. Not one woman in a hundred fully realizes this. Plain features require the soft framing of carefully arranged curly locks lying over the forehead, a bit of soft lace at the throat and wrists, instead of the severely trying lines of collars and cuffs, and perfect harmony with

the tints of the complexion in the gown worn.

The most becoming shades of pale colors, in cut, the style best suited to their figure, whether slender or inclined to plumpness, and, best of all, the art of wearing their clothes gracefully, should be studied.

When plain women make a study of this, they will realize that it is indeed a true saying that women can make themselves beautiful if they understand how to dress well.

Foot Notes.

Never wear a shoe that pinches the heel.

Never wear a shoe of boot tight anywhere.

Never come from high heels to low heels in one jump.

Never wear a shoe that presses up into the hollow of the foot.

Never wear a shoe that will not allow the great toe to lie in a straight line.

Never wear leather sole linings to stand upon; white cotton drilling or linen is healthier.

Never wear a shoe with a sole narrower than the outline of the foot traced with a pencil close under the rounding edge.

Never wear a shoe with a sole turning up very much at the toes, as this causes the cords on the upper part of the foot to contract.

Never have the top of the boots tight, as it interferes with the action of the calf muscles, making one walk badly, and spoils the shape of the ankle.

Never think that the feet will grow large by wearing improper shoes. They are distorted and make them grow not only large, but unsightly. A proper natural use of all the muscles makes them compact and attractive.

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THE BASQUE THAT WILL BE WORN IN THE FALL.

and the wedding a "crush." All these smaller cards are similar in color and print to the invitation.

Among the wedding gifts especially favored by brides this year are the pretty silver rambler sets. These are ornamental, exceedingly convenient, and as yet uncommon, three points much in their favor. Each rambler, with its little fitted cover, is a perfect silver safe, and it is the fashion to serve entrees, desserts and some kinds of fish directly from them. A ring in which to fit each tiny rambler is provided, and the set of a dozen can be readily brought to the table without any danger of being misplaced by even a careless servant.

COMMANDMENTS OF HEALTH.

Necessary Requirements for Good Health and Temper.

The requirements of health can be counted on the fingers of one hand. They are good air, good food, suitable clothing, cleanliness and exercise, and rest. The first two requirements affect the blood, and as the blood circulates all over the body, including the brain, every part is affected. Fresh air affects the purity of the blood. The freshest air is out of doors, and it is the duty of every one who wishes to be in good health to spend a certain amount of time in the open air. Good food is not necessarily expensive food. Exercise and rest should alternate and balance each other. It is quite possible to take too much exercise, and this side of the question must be guarded against as carefully as the other. Women, as a rule, do not rest sufficiently. Every woman should try during the day to get a few minutes' rest, even if it interferes with her regular work. It is impossible for her

the other day in a tot who was taking his airing with his nurse. He seemed moderately cool and comfortable, despite the heat, until a handsomely clad woman caught sight of him. Then he wilted, for she clasped him in her arms and showered him with kisses, not minding his remonstrances.

She held him closely to her, pressing his head under her chin until the back of the baby's neck, and the baby's ears were as appropositive hue. Then she set him on the ground and him a few words, and he walked off. A few paces, only to return, indulging in a few more bearlike hugs, after which she went